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The Editorial Outlook

WORLD ORDER DAY, 1949

THE fourth anniversary of the United Nations will be observed in church services on World Order Day, Sunday, October 23, and in secular celebrations the following day. A sober, rather cautious mood seems to mark the temper of this year's observances. Romantic illusions about the new international organization have been worn thin by the realities of great-power tensions. Defeatist attitudes have had to take into account the many signs of vitality in the United Nations. Time and experience have prepared the way for a more balanced appraisal of this "last, best hope" for world order in this generation.

A clearer picture of the potentialities and limitations of the United Nations is emerging from the four-year record of accomplishments and failures. It is patent that the U. N. has not yet been adequately equipped to solve the more stubborn problems of security. The conflicting beliefs and interests of the great powers are too sharp, the area of understanding and trust too narrow, for any easy delegation of authority and power to an international body. Consequently, little headway has been made on such issues as security against aggression, control of atomic energy, or disarmament. On the other hand, the agencies of the U. N. concerned with human rights and welfare have made heartening progress in the face of great obstacles. And this record may, in the end, prove more significant than the shortcomings. As the Federal Council says in its World Order Day Message:

"Despite the tempests of this post-war period, the United Nations stands and grows as the only center for discussing, if not for harmonizing fully, the policies of states, as a means to fellowship, and as a bridge to a better future."

The basic needs of the United Nations are a special concern of our churches.

The United Nations needs the support of a new loyalty to man. Unless more and more people can see beyond the interests of the national state to the general interests of humanity, the structure of international cooperation will rest on shifting sands. The surest sanction of this larger view is faith in God and His will that the nations of men should live as one family. The most persuasive example of this wider loyalty is the Christian world fellowship.

The United Nations needs the support of all who believe in a curative and creative peace strategy. The cutting edge of the U.N. is the work undertaken to improve the conditions of life for the less privileged peoples and groups. If such beginnings are developed with vigor and vision, the cooperating nations can find a new fellowship in service, which is the chief preventive of war. Our Christian missions have pioneered in reconstruction and testify to our Christian concern for a creative social strategy.

The United Nations needs the support of those who will be persevering in the face of apathy, and steady in time of trouble. The slow and checkered course of U.N. development will cause many to lose heart. Here is another challenge to our churches. As the Federal Council said nearly two years ago, in words as pertinent today as they were then:

"It is not for Christians, engaged in the cause of peace, to waver with every variation of fortune, or, like those who have no faith in God and His Son, to make varying opinions and unfounded reports about the United Nations the criteria of their confidence and loyalty. We are disciples of a Lord Who was crucified and yet triumphant. We move in a tradition of men who have stood steadfast in season and out of season. That kind of faith and courage is called for now."

As we observe World Order Day this year, our Christian responsibilities should be foremost in our thoughts and prayers.

"RELIGION IN AMERICAN LIFE"

NEXT MONTH the great "media of mass communication" are to feature the importance of religion in American life. Newspapers, outdoor boards, car cards, and radio will daily point to the spiritual foundations of our nation and the contribution of religious faith to our well-being as a people.

The Advertising Council, created during the World War as the instrument through which American business and industry could cooperate in furthering the sale of bonds and continued after the war for assistance in other campaigns of national public service, has agreed to use its facilities in the interest of religion. By agreement with the United Church Canvass, three weeks in November have been allocated for this emphasis.

This is something unprecedented. The use of the modern means of contact with the public for certain other objectives is familiar to us all. The agencies of government, the Red Cross, health education and the community chest have found a valuable asset in this type of popular promotion. Now, for the first time, the technique is to be made available to the institutions of religion.

The significance of the project for the churches is two-fold. First, it enlists the friendly service of specialists in helping prepare and disseminate statements which may be expected to have a wide popular appeal. Second, it secures the presentation of these statements through channels that reach millions of people outside the churches. This is possible because leaders in the secular world have come to recognize the necessity for strengthening religious influences in personal living and in public affairs.

This type of quick and popular appeal, of course, can never take the place of the deeper work of the churches in their own evangelism and Christian education. But it can assist the churches in these tasks. It can provide an atmosphere in which every local congregation, every missionary society, every agency of religious nurture, will receive more favorable attention. The man who hears an announcement about church attendance as he listens to his favorite radio comedy, or who in reading the morning's news is arrested by a picture that recalls the faith of his fathers, is more likely to take his children to Sunday school, to decide he

needs public worship, or to support the work of the Church in the world.

This experiment in utilizing the mass media is made possible only because the religious forces are making a united approach to the Advertising Council. They thus secure at a nominal figure resources which it would cost millions of dollars to buy. It is a happy coincidence that the period for this spiritual emphasis falls in November, just as the "United Evangelistic Advance" is getting under way. A publicity campaign is no substitute for Christian witness and teaching but it can help to make people more receptive toward the message of the Gospel.

EXTENDING PASTORAL CARE

HERE is no more basic service than the daily, unsung ministry of pastoral care to the problems and infirmities of people all across the United States by the thousands of faithful ministers. Indeed, it becomes clearer that the tensions of modern living are, in many ways, increasing, and that what pastors can and must do to help their people is perhaps more important than at some quieter times in the past. But the very volume of need makes the pastor's task more acute, in spite of new methods and new knowledge which he may have acquired. How can he extend his hands?

It is in an effort to extend the pastor's hands that the Protestant Radio Commission, the Federal Council's Department of Pastoral Service and the American Broadcasting Company are uniting this fall on the Thursday evening radio program (10:30-11:00 P.M., E.S.T.), "Someone You Know." After a dramatic presentation of life problem situations, in which a pastor appears, a panel of distinguished ministers and others will discuss their meaning.

This program will try to suggest the relevance of the pastor to all kinds of human and personal problems. He can not himself always give the help needed, but in that case he can direct people to others who can.

Pastoral care is a first-hand job. But the more people know about themselves and their particular infirmities, the more intelligently they can call upon their pastor for the help he can give. "Someone You Know" should prove a real aid to the pastors of America.

A Way Out Of the Stalemate

FEDERAL COUNCIL OFFERS PROPOSAL ON SCHOOL AID

MEETING for the first time since the summer recess, the Federal Council's Executive Committee took cognizance of the stalemate in Congress over federal aid to public education and proposed a way out.

Asserting the deadlock is sustained at the expense of the children in the schools and their teachers and ought not to be tolerated, the Executive Committee analyzed the situation, thus:

"The central principle of a national minimum of educational opportunity for all children in all public schools is widely accepted but the controversy over the secondary question of certain services such as free transportation and health services to children in non-public schools has impeded the enactment of any measure of federal aid."

The Committee then set forth what it described as a "sound and practicable solution": *treat the two questions, federal aid to schools, and supplying welfare services to children separately; decide each on its own merits.*

URGE PROMPT ACTION

The resolution once again placed the Federal Council on record in favor of federal aid to education. It urged, in accordance with previous statements of the Council that prompt provision be made for federal aid for the maintenance of public schools with assurance, that in its administration, there be no discrimination on account of race.

Turning to the question of welfare services, the resolution urged "open minded consideration" by the Congress of the need of all children of school age for certain welfare services. The resolution contained no forecast of what position, if any, the Federal Council would take towards legislation on this subject but definitely declared its adherence to the principle that if federal aid is made available for such welfare services they should be administered or supervised by a public agency.

By thus drawing a clear distinction

between aid to schools and welfare services the Executive Committee expressed the hope "that necessary assistance can be given to education without making it the object of sectarian controversy or compromising the principle of separation of Church and State for which the Council always has stood."

BRIEFLY DEBATED

The Congressional situation was brought to the attention of the Executive Committee in the report of its Advisory Committee, presented by the chairman, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam. One of the first items on a rather long agenda, the resolution was adopted almost unanimously after brief debate, principally on minor changes of phraseology.

More than 50 delegates of the churches attended the first meeting of the Executive Committee since last May, under the chairmanship of the president, Bishop John S. Stamm. Sitting on the dais with the president and other officers in the chapel of the Methodist Building was the vice president, Mrs. Douglas Horton, now residing in New York, following her retirement last June as president of Wellesley College. On the previous day she attended for the first time a meeting of the Advisory Committee, and presided in the absence of both Bishop Stamm and Bishop Oxnam.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION

In view of his candidacy for the United States Senate, Senator John Foster Dulles submitted his resignation as chairman of the Committee on Policy of the Department of International Justice and Goodwill.

Terminating an association begun nine years ago when he became chairman of the Department's newly-created Commission on a Just and Durable Peace Mr. Dulles made clear that he was moved to resign because he "did

not want the Council in any way to seem to be involved in the rough and tumble of political controversy."

Taking into account Mr. Dulles' concern on this point, the Executive Committee on recommendation of the Advisory Committee, accepted his resignation and asked the Department's chairman, Rt. Rev. William Scarlett of St. Louis temporarily to assume the duties relinquished by Mr. Dulles.

In a statement adopted unanimously the Executive Committee voiced its deep appreciation of the distinguished service rendered by Mr. Dulles during the past decade as a Christian statesman and recounted some of his contributions. It stated that as chairman of the Federal Council's Commission on a Just and Durable Peace he became a "creative leader formulating the international policies expounded by the Council; his guiding hand brought together the major denominations of the United States in three great national study conferences on the churches and world order; his insights and experience were invaluable in drafting many of the notable statements of the Federal Council on international affairs.

OTHER BUSINESS

Final action was taken approving the election of three members of the staff. They are Rev. Edward W. Gebhard, associate director of National Christian Teaching Mission; Miss Nadine Blair, assistant secretary of the Washington office of the Federal Council and Co-operating Bodies and Rev. Alfred Dudley Ward, director of studies, Department of the Church and Economic Life. They were nominated May 17.

The Committee also approved a message for Race Relations Sunday next February, written by Dr. D. Elton Trueblood; voted to send three observers to a conference on church union and ten delegates to the National Congress on Home Missions at Columbus, Ohio, January 24-27, 1950.

Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, Syracuse, gave an up-to-minute report on plans for the United Evangelistic Advance and Dr. Roswell P. Barnes, associate general secretary of the Federal Council gave some observations on his recent trip to Germany as a visiting expert of the American military government.

GERMANY AND DEMOCRACY

Dr. Barnes who spent three months in Germany, expressed concern lest the splendid start towards encouragement of democratic forces in the re-orientation of German life be abandoned by the new regime.

He emphasized that Germany will not be democratic merely by adopting a democratic form of government.

"The social behavior of the German people must become democratic," he added. "Their schools and churches must contribute to the development of citizenship accustomed to democratic behavior. There are Germans who desire such development and welcome our assistance. We must not abandon them now."

The Executive Committee adjourned in late afternoon after approving plans to meet in Atlanta, Georgia, December 6, in conjunction with the Southeastern Convocation, sponsored jointly by several interdenominational agencies.

Mr. Dulles' letter of resignation dated September 7, addressed to the president, Bishop John S. Stamm, read as follows:

"In view of the fact that I may in the next few weeks become increasingly involved in political life, I herewith submit my resignation as Chairman of the Committee on Policy of the Department of Justice and Goodwill. It is my hope to carry into political life the same basic convictions that I have developed in my work with the Federal Council of Churches, but I do not want the Council in any way to seem to be involved in the rough and tumble of political controversy."

The Executive Committee in accepting the resignation adopted the following statement:

"In view of his candidacy for the Senate of the United States, Mr. John Foster Dulles has submitted to the Council his resignation as Chairman of the Committee on Policy of the Department of International Justice and Goodwill. The Executive Committee, taking into account Mr. Dulles' con-

cern that the Council shall not, through his candidacy, become involved in matters of a partisan political character, regretfully accepts the resignation and requests Bishop William Scarlett, Chairman of the Department of International Justice and Goodwill, temporarily to assume the duties of the office previously held by Mr. Dulles.

"The Executive Committee records its deep appreciation of the distinguished service rendered by Mr. Dulles during the past decade. As Chairman of the Commission on a Just and Durable Peace, he became a creative leader in formulating the international policies expounded by the Council. His guiding hand brought together the major denominations of the United States in three great National Study Conferences on the Churches and World Order. His insights and experience were invaluable in the drafting of such notable statements of the Federal Council as 'The Six Pillars of Peace,' 'World Organization—Curative and Creative,' 'Soviet-American Relations,' 'The Churches and the European Recovery Program,' 'Cross Roads of American Foreign Policy,' and 'Moral Responsibility and United States Power.' With the leaders of other faiths he joined also in issuing the influential declaration, 'Pattern for Peace,' in 1943.

"The qualities of Christian statesmanship exemplified in Mr. Dulles have been recognized by the churches of many lands. At international conferences of church leaders in Geneva, Oxford, Cambridge, London and Amsterdam, he bore witness to Christian ideals in the struggle for world order and peace.

"He played a major part in the establishment of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs, jointly sponsored by the World Council of Churches and the International Missionary Council.

"The Federal Council further rejoices in the important contributions that Mr. Dulles has made to the shaping of American foreign policy. Especially at the San Francisco Conference where the Charter of the United Nations was drafted and at successive sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations has his influence been strongly felt. He has consistently sought to enlist the support of the American people for human rights and fundamental freedoms throughout the world, for the economic and political well-being of dependent peoples and for the negotiation of settlements looking toward a just and durable peace."

Federal Aid

To Schools

Text of Resolution Adopted by the Executive Committee, Sept. 19, 1949

"The present stalemate in Congress with reference to federal aid to education is a matter of grave concern. The central principle of a national minimum of educational opportunity for all the children in all the public schools of all the states is widely accepted; but the controversy over the secondary question of certain services, such as free transportation and health services to children in non-public schools has impeded the enactment of any measure of federal aid. The deadlock is sustained at the expense of the children in the schools and their teachers. This ought not to be tolerated.

"We believe that the sound and practicable way out of the legislative stalemate would be to treat aid to schools and the supplying of welfare services to children as separate projects. Each should be decided on its own merits. In accordance with previous statements of the Council, we urge that prompt provision be made for federal aid for the maintenance of public schools with assurance that in its administration there be no discrimination on account of race. We further urge that, as a separate matter unconnected with grants for schools, open-minded consideration be given by Congress to the need of all children of school age for certain welfare services. We believe that if federal aid is made available for such services, they should be administered or supervised by a public agency.

"By thus drawing a clear distinction between aid to schools and welfare services for children, we believe that necessary assistance can be given to education without making it the object of sectarian controversy or compromising the principle of the separation of Church and State for which the Council has always stood."

Message to the Churches on World Order

CALLS WORLD CRISIS BASICALLY "SPIRITUAL AND MORAL CRISIS"

DECLARING the world crisis to be basically "moral and spiritual," the Federal Council of Churches in its annual World Order Day message, called on Christians to redouble their efforts in behalf of world order.

Issued by the Department of International Justice and Goodwill for use by the churches on World Order Day, Sunday, October 23, the message went on to urge continued support of the United Nations coupled with an appeal for a further expansion of the missionary enterprise abroad.

The message asked Christians to make a special effort to find a home or job for displaced persons and for an expression of high ideals in communities across the country.

In evaluating the state of international affairs, the message noted a slackening of East-West tensions, although it warned against any complacency by the churches in the face of continued international perils.

"The world crisis is basically a spiritual and moral crisis," the message noted, "and no minor adjustments of international tensions, no respite, however welcome, can provide a lasting solution."

Complete text of the message follows:

We are grateful to Almighty God for the abundant mercies shown this past year to the children of men. Fear, confusion of purpose, and the economic destruction left by the war have been lessened by constructive measures of cooperation within the United Nations and among the free societies. Tensions between the Soviet Union and the Western nations have been eased somewhat, and new, though limited, efforts to negotiate have been made. Fresh hope has stirred the hearts of anxious men, and released new energies of the spirit for the tasks ahead. For this present victory of peace, the churches of Christ rejoice.

We recognize the profound nature of the world's disorder. Modern man has come to rely upon physical force, and the bitter conflicts of modern times have eroded his trust in moral power. *The world crisis is "basically a spiritual and moral" crisis*, and no minor adjustment of international tensions, no respite, however welcome, can provide a lasting solution. Nothing less than a transformation of the spirit of men and of nations will suffice to heal this disorder. This means a larger sympathy, a broader

understanding of other peoples and their particular problems, a deeper and more abiding sense of our responsibilities in the world, and a stronger will to fulfill them. That transformation by the grace of God must be the chief end of our efforts for peace.

REASONS FOR CONCERN

We confess our involvement in the underlying crisis of society. We have underestimated the stubborn factors of conflict, and allowed our wills to vacillate with the ebb and flow of external events. We have been reluctant to chart our course by the light of faith, which alone can lead to man's spiritual regeneration. We need repentant hearts as we remember the failures of world order in which we have a share. Let us not forget, for example:

1. The failure of the major powers to agree upon a peace settlement for Germany or Japan;
2. The failure of the United States and other nations to deal effectively and humanely with the large number of remaining refugees and expellees left in pitiable condition by the war and its aftermath—a problem which increases in scope and danger week by week;
3. The perilous failure of the Great Powers to reach agreement on the multilateral regulation and reduction of armaments;
4. The failure of our own and other nations thus far to implement those principles of reciprocity which are essential to international commerce and to world economic recovery;
5. The failure of the major powers effectively to help the suffering people of China to find peace within the framework of freedom.

REASONS FOR ENCOURAGEMENT

While the problems and perils which lie ahead leave no room for complacency, we can thank God and take courage from achievements which surpass the merit of our efforts:

1. The principles of the United Nations, whose fourth anniversary we now celebrate, have been elevated by the expressed concerns of Christian groups working with other men of good will. Our churches have helped to create that loyalty to the ideals of the United Nations, which is its chief resource. It is heartening to see the impress of that loyalty in the positive accomplishments of the U. N.—in bringing about peaceful negotiation of a number of conflicts, in setting forth an historic Universal Declaration of Human Rights, in organizing the efforts of nations against such ancient enemies of man as poverty, ill health, and ignorance. Despite the tempests of this post-war period, the
5. The coming together of the churches in the living fellowship of the World Council of Churches provides a fresh testimony to God's design for His Church and for His world. Through this new unity, as it permeates the churches, we can expect the release of new spiritual resources with which to cope with future problems.

United Nations stands and grows as the only center for discussing, if not for harmonizing fully, the policies of states, as a means to fellowship, and as a bridge to a better future.

2. Our churches have helped to kindle the growing concern for the dignity and rights of the human person. The disregard for these God-given rights under totalitarian, feudal, and some colonial regimes has been laid upon the conscience of mankind. A new standard has been raised in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, long advocated and now supported by our churches.

3. The analysis of Soviet-Western tensions and the principles for dealing with them put forward by our church leaders, have been vindicated in part by developments of recent months. Negotiation of conflicts of interest without compromise of basic convictions remains a promising road to a peaceful settlement. This will require continuing patience and understanding, while at the same time we put forth the utmost effort to establish at home and abroad the conditions which make for a good life for all men.

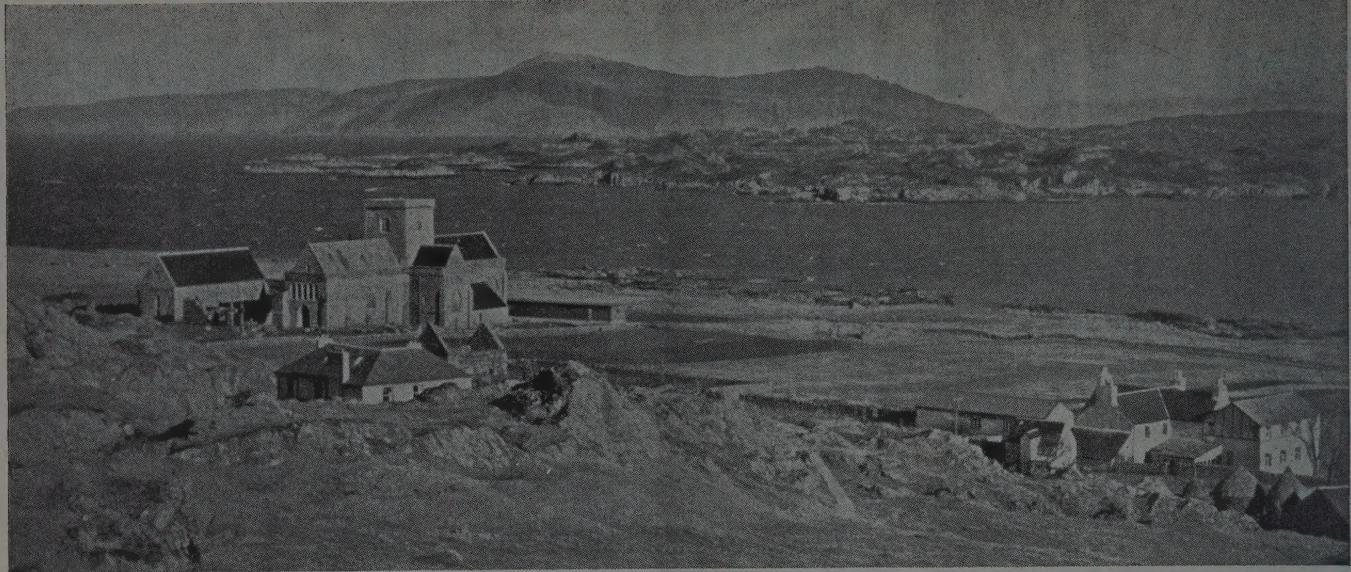
4. The witness of our missionary pioneers has helped greatly to bring understanding of the need to aid the development of underdeveloped areas. This need is now recognized in the "Point Four" proposals of the President's Inaugural Address, to make "the benefits of our scientific advances and industrial progress available for the improvement and growth of underdeveloped areas," and in kindred plans of the United Nations. Our churches are concerned for programs such as "Point Four" and the European Recovery Program, both as a means for advancing the common welfare and as a method for creating fellowship among the cooperating nations. The experience of missionary specialists provides inspiration and practical guidance in the setting up of development projects.

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CALL TO CHRISTIAN ACTION

Building the foundations of world order is essentially a religious task. Christians should accept their responsibilities with clear vision, steadfast hearts, and vigorous action. As we enter the fifth year of the United

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Unique Missionary Movement

SCOTLAND'S IONA IS SYMBOL OF SPIRITUAL REBUILDING

When the late Duke of Argyle gave the ancient ruins of Iona Cathedral and Abbey to the Church of Scotland, he stipulated that it was to be used for the "full act of worship" of every Christian communion. Rebuilt by the Church of Scotland, the dramatic Iona settlement has been since 1938 in the hands of the Iona Community, which has completed other buildings, and which has notably experimented and achieved in the field of ecumenical worship. As Dr. Cavert visited Iona several months ago, he recorded his impressions of this creative Christian experiment.

BY SAMUEL McCREA CAVERT

THE LITTLE Island of Iona, on the edge of the Hebrides, is the historic center from which Great Britain was first evangelized. Here St. Columba landed in 563 A.D., after a precarious voyage from northern Ireland in his frail coracle of skins and lath. Here he began the missionary work which changed the character of Scotland and northern England and thus indirectly affected American life as well. On this same island during the last ten years a new kind of missionary movement has been under way for the re-evangelization of Scottish life. My long-cherished desire to know

something of Iona at first hand came to fulfillment after the meeting of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches at Chichester early in July.

On the site of the abbey of the monastic order founded by St. Columba a group of forty ministers and craftsmen known as the "Iona Community" are now engaged in rebuilding the ancient walls. The refectory has just been completed, the last of the windows having been put into place during my stay. Our luncheon there on the following day was the first in the intact building in nearly 300 years. The construction of the dormitory is soon to begin. In the process of rebuilding, ministers and skilled artisans work side by side; they also participate equally in the entire life of the Community—illustrative of the way in which Christian worship and work are to be fused into a living whole.

The pattern of living in the Iona Community is designed to emphasize the intimate relation between Christianity and "the daily round, the common task." The day begins and closes with prayer and worship in the Church. Manual labor takes up a large part of the day, with hours set aside for Bible study and for discussion of the ways in which Christian faith and life find the fullest expression in the modern world. The whole pro-

gram of rebuilding on Iona is meant to be a dramatic symbol of the rebuilding of Scottish life on Christian foundations. It is this which gives the project its moving appeal. As ancient Iona carried Christianity into a pagan Scotland, so the Iona Community of today seeks to rekindle Christian devotion in the midst of pagan conditions.

THE NEED for such a movement in the Church requires no emphasis. The life of Scotland, in keeping with the general trend in Western civilization, has become intensely secularized, especially so in great industrial areas like Glasgow. The rank-and-file of the people have little more than a merely formal connection with the Church. It is commonly said that seventy-five percent no longer attend its services. Even a casual observer senses the distance between the conventional program of the Church and the actual life of the Scottish people.

It is only during the summer that the ministers of the Iona Community are resident on the Island. During nine months of the year they carry on missionary work on the mainland, devoting themselves to the spiritual renewal of the churches. They find their posts in slum areas, in new housing developments, in factories and industrial chaplains, in youth centers.

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WHAT MAKES MINISTERS?

Pastor was greatest individual influence but "call of God" and "need of men for Christ" were most impelling reasons, say future ministers

THE FACTORS that keep boys out of the ministry are not their girl friends, not the low salary, not parental objection. They are staying out because no one is guiding them in."

This is one conclusion of a study of the Protestant ministry made this year by Professor Ralph A. Felton, of Drew Theological Seminary, and recently distributed by the Federal Council's Commission on the Ministry. Dr. Felton, whose particular field of research is the rural ministry, finds the shortage of pastors extends to all kinds of churches.

Questionnaire results returned by 1978 ministerial students, from 48 states and representing 20 denominations, were the basis for Dr. Felton's statistical conclusions. These students are in 57 seminaries and church-related colleges and are regarded by Dr. Felton as a fair cross-section of candidates for ordination.

In pointing to the influence which most of the candidates credit for their decision for a church vocation, the questionnaire answers are particularly revealing. In 34 percent of the cases, it was the pastor's influence which counted most. College teacher and church school teacher did not weigh very heavily in the count, and in high school only 2.3 percent of these candidates' teachers gave them help toward a church vocation.

In their interpretation of what constitutes a "call", most of the 1978 students declared that their experience was "not a single event nor a sudden revelation, but rather a continuing educational process." For nearly 63 percent, this consciousness of vocation came before they were graduated from high school. Yet in the rating of reasons for entering the ministry, 38 percent do place "definite call of God" first, while "need of men and society for Christ" is the impelling reason for 31.1 percent, and "to serve mankind" is the incentive for 26 percent. One young man wrote, "I had no desire to enter the ministry upon my entry

into the armed forces, but the five chaplains that I worked with each asked me if I didn't plan to enter the ministry. That started me thinking upon the possibilities."

Factors keeping men from deciding upon the ministry are gauged among the whole number of students as follows: Lack of Bible knowledge and feeling of unworthiness, 32.1 percent; Lack of counseling or guidance, 19.5 percent; Financial obligations at home, 11.1 percent; Lack of knowledge of what a minister does, 10.9 percent, etc. To be sure, the study is handicapped at this point, that replies are from men who did decide for the ministry, and who merely list deterrents which seemed strong to them. Of 1573 ministerial students who answered the question as to which influence most swayed their choice, the testimony was this: 13.7 percent found home training most important; 12.5 percent, contacts with a pastor; 12.5 percent, contemporary world needs; 8.5 percent, experience while in the armed services, etc.

In comment on this last point, one man wrote: "I saw action in the Pacific, but these experiences did not cause me to go into the ministry. The actions of some older men—married and with families—among other things led me to feel and see the need for spiritual leadership in the world, responsible moral leadership. After about a year I scrapped my plan for a future in medicine, and turned to the ministry."

Bringing down these influential forces to actual persons, the study provides a listing as follows, of those who most powerfully influenced 1471 young men to become ministers:

Pastor, 34 percent; mother, 17.4 percent; father, 11.2 percent; evangelist, 6.4 percent; college teacher, 5.8 percent; Sunday school teacher, 5.0 percent; missionary, 4.3 percent; college friend, 4.3 percent; wife, 3.9 percent; girl friend, 2.5 percent; high school teacher, 2.3 percent; high school friend, 2.1 percent, and vocational guidance teacher, .8 percent.

Symposium Presents Views On World Affairs

"Christian Responsibility in World Affairs: A Symposium" reprints statements made last spring by five members of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs who happened to be in this country. Included in the symposium: Dr. Arnold J. Toynbee, Royal Institute of International Affairs; Dr. Charles H. Malik, Lebanese delegate to the United Nations and former president of the United Nations Economic and Social Council; Mr. Charles W. Ranson, general secretary of the International Missionary Council; Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, general secretary of the World Council of Churches, and Mr. John Foster Dulles, United States delegate to the United Nations.

The pamphlet is available on request from the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

As Dr. Felton sums up the whole research project, his conclusion is that young men fail to enter the ministry in adequate numbers because nobody makes it a point to influence them in that direction. Here are typical statements from the students: "No one ever talked with me about going into the ministry until I asked about it." "If my Sunday school teacher and my pastor had made the Bible and its teachings live for me more, I would not have had such a long period of indecision. Once I saw the relevance of its message, it set me on fire." "My decision to enter the ministry would never have been made had not the pastor suggested it to me. He planted the idea. I think that most men must have it suggested to them, especially young men." Others record the affirmative effect of an area conference on vocation, such as the series of conferences in which the Federal Council's Commission on the Ministry has provided joint sponsorship.

The full text of this 30-page booklet, *New Ministers*, is available for fifteen cents from the Commission on the Ministry, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10. As another study among the mounting series pointing to special factors in the recruitment field, it has been received with special interest by denominational executives for enlistment, and by the theological schools.

A FIFTY-YEAR-OLD DREAM

International Christian University near Tokyo with Kansas-educated Japanese as president taking shape, backed by American churches

BY WILLIAM CLEMES

THIRTY-EIGHT years ago a slender Japanese boy arrived in Manhattan, Kansas, with seven 10-dollar gold pieces in his pocket and a heart frozen with loneliness. Nervous, twenty-one years old and homesick, Hachiro Yuasa had arrived to enroll as a freshman at Kansas State Agricultural College.

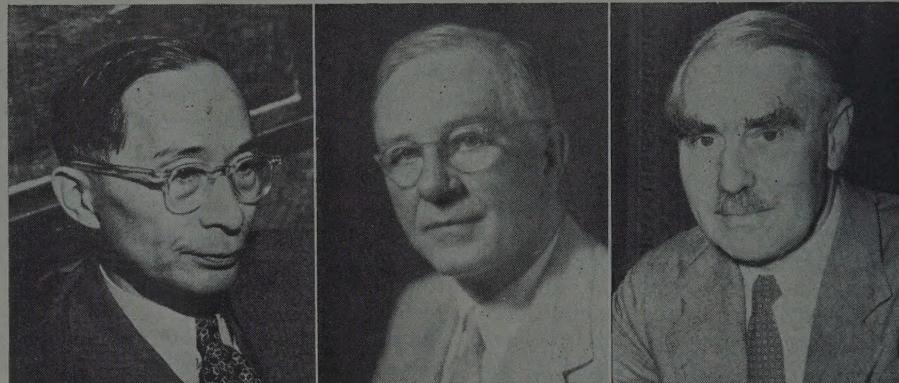
Early next year, when he steps off the train in another Manhattan—New York City—Yuasa will not feel lonely. Visiting the United States for the first time since his election to the presidency of the International Christian University to be established soon near Tokyo, he is assured of an enthusiastic welcome from U. S. educators and Christian leaders.

Hachiro Yuasa's evolution from an immigrant day laborer in California to a world-renowned entomologist and prominent Japanese educator symbolizes the evolution of ICU itself.

Conceived by Japanese Christian educators and their missionary friends nearly a half-century ago, the ICU dream is finally becoming real as the result of continuing faith and labor on the part of Christians and non-Christians on both sides of the Pacific.

When Yuasa presents the ICU project to the people of North America, he will be able to point out a number of sturdy achievements. He will mention the recently-acquired 350-acre site at Mitaka, fifteen miles from Tokyo, where the existing huge concrete and steel building will when remodeled furnish classrooms and administrative offices, and where a former warplane hangar will become a mammoth indoor gym—including a full-size football field.

Yuasa will also point to the 150,000,000 yen already raised by Japanese businessmen, who used a portion of it to buy the Mitaka site. This is the largest sum ever raised in Japan for an enterprise other than a government-sponsored project. More significantly, over 95% of the persons contributing the money were non-Christians.



HACHIRO YUASA RALPH E. DIFFENDORFER JOSEPH C. GREW

Before Yuasa lands in the U. S., the Japan International Christian University Foundation, supported by 10 denominations and two inter-denominational groups, will have underway a campaign to raise \$10,000,000 for ICU—the American and Canadian pledge to the Japanese people.

Joseph C. Grew, former U. S. Ambassador to Japan, has accepted chairmanship of this campaign. Twice Under-Secretary of State and for over 30 years a topdrawer American diplomat, Mr. Grew has also been prominently identified with many Christian, civic and philanthropic causes.

Another key American personality giving impetus to the ICU program is Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer, who became president of the JICUF after retiring this summer from the Foreign Missions Division of the Methodist Church. An indefatigable champion of foreign missionary enterprises, "Diff" has personally recruited more than three-quarters of all Methodist missionaries abroad. His intimate and sometimes uncanny knowledge of foreign countries led him to recall Methodist missionaires from Japan three months before Pearl Harbor.

Summing up his hopes for the ICU, Dr. Diffendorfer recently said that the educational center would be "a means of bringing quickly to Japan the best forms of western education. Democracy has its base in Christian prin-

ples and in these will be found the peace of the world."

Dr. Diffendorfer, who participated in the series of historic meetings this summer at Gotemba, Japan when Yuasa was elected to the presidency and the Board of Trustees and Advisory University Council were created is more than pleased with progress made to this date. In regard to Yuasa he says simply:

"We have found the man for the job."

As a man who for many years has given particular attention to higher education under Christian auspices in many lands, Dr. Diffendorfer was in a position to know well Yuasa's record as president of Doshisha University.

Yuasa came to Doshisha in 1935 after abandoning a brilliant scientific career as professor of entomology at Kyoto Imperial University. It was a decision involving personal and academic sacrifice. Yuasa made it because he believed that schools like Doshisha, which placed emphasis on internationalism and a humane concept of the individual personality, were important if Japanese education was to be lifted out of an ingrown, fiercely nationalistic morass.

Where did Yuasa get his insight? First of all, from his background as a third-generation Japanese Christian. The effects of his enlightened home en-

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THE DETROIT CONFERENCE

Will seek to determine Christian's responsibility in economic realm

"THE Responsibility of Christians in an Interdependent Economic Order" will be the theme of the National Study Conference of the Church and Economic Life at Detroit, February 16-19, 1950, which will be convened under the chairmanship of Dr. Arthur H. Flemming. He is chairman of the Federal Council's Department of the Church and Economic Life, sponsors of the conference, and president of Ohio Wesleyan University.

Under the conference theme adopted by the department, representatives of the churches, clergymen and laymen, will devote most of their discussion to determining how this responsibility should be expressed in four areas—individual, the nation, the world, and the churches.

Careful consideration to planning the Detroit conference was given at a two-day meeting of the Department in New York September 9-10.

Rev. Cameron P. Hall, executive secretary of the Department, said the program is built "upon the strong affirmation of the Pittsburgh Conference: that churches and church people do have a responsibility for economic life."

The four areas, as outlined by the Department, in its recent meeting, are:

1. *The Individual*: conflicting economic motives and claims in individual lives.
2. *The Nation*: freedom of enterprise and social controls.
3. *The World*: the American standard of living and world needs and resources.
4. *The Churches*: their program in economic life.

Committees are now preparing working papers for each of the four topics. These papers will be sent to each delegate previous to the Conference and will serve as the basis for the discussions. Each of the topic groups will present a report summarizing the agreements reached in the discussion, for action of a plenary session.

While a few meetings will be public, the plenary sessions as well as the discussion groups will be open only to

those who are properly accredited by one of the designated appointing bodies. Quotas have been allotted to the denominations in keeping with the relative size of their membership. Additional delegates will come from councils of churches and a few allied religious bodies. The members of the Department of the Church and Economic Life of the Federal Council of Churches, will attend *ex officio*.

Special stress is being laid upon the lay-character of the delegates, particularly from major economic groups. For the Conference to deal effectively with the problems which the churches face in economic life, the importance of the appointment of laymen and women cannot be overstated, Mr. Hall added.

Occupational quotas are therefore being urged upon the appointing bodies, which if carried out, will result in four-fifths of the delegates being lay people. It is proposed that among those appointed fifteen percent be in each case from the ranks of agriculture, business and labor, which is the percentage suggested for the clergy. Among the "other lay occupations" special mention is made of such groups as economists, consumers, educators and professional people.

The importance of preparation for the Conference not only by the delegates but by the churches themselves is emphasized in a practical way in the plans for Church and Economic Life Week, January 15-21, 1950. The Executive Committee of the Federal Council of Churches has designated the third week of each January as a period when the churches are called upon to give special consideration to the responsibility of the churches and their members in economic life. This year's observance of The Week and the Detroit Conference are therefore only a month apart. Local churches and councils of churches are urged to plan special meetings during Church and Economic Life Week when delegates and members of congregations study the background and plans of the Detroit Conference. For such meet-

Set Universal Week Of Prayer January 1-8

Under the theme "A Living Witness for a Lost World," the Rev. Clarence Cranford, minister of Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, has prepared a series of seven prayer topics for use by the churches during the Universal Week of Prayer, Jan. 1-8, 1950. In the United States, observance is sponsored by the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches.

Mr. Cranford has assigned a topic for each day during the week, as follows:

Jan. 1—*The Divine Invitation to Witness*
Jan. 2—*The Urgency of the Christian Witness*
Jan. 3—*The Call to a Personal Witness*
Jan. 4—*The Fact and Faith Behind our Witness*
Jan. 5—*Witnessing through Sharing*
Jan. 6—*Witness to a Double Quest*
Jan. 8—*The Church and a United Witness*

Many councils of churches and ministerial associations, therefore, are planning to observe this special Week of Prayer. The booklet will be off the press and ready for shipment November 1.

"THE ROCKS OF GOD"

The *Miami Daily News*, Miami, Fla., announces that during the next five years it plans to run a series of full-page, illustrated feature stories on the local churches of Miami. These will appear in the Sunday magazine section for 250 consecutive weeks, under the title "The Rocks of God."

ings and other groups a special pamphlet prepared by Mr. Hall provides reviews of the activity of the churches in relation to economic life together with relevant materials and questions for study.

Specific suggestions on how these meetings preparatory to the Detroit Conference may be set up during Church and Economic Life Week are elaborated in the leaflet "How to Observe Church and Economic Life Week," copies of which are available from the Department in quantity without charge. This leaflet elaborates other means for the observance of the Week in the family, in the local church, and in the council of churches.

Church Life Conference For Women Nov. 11-13

Plans are being made by the Federal Council's Commission on the Ministry for a first Conference on College Women and Church Life at Keuka Park, New York, November 11-13, "to explore what women can do today in church life—both lay and professional."

Following the pattern of men's conferences inspired by the Commission on the Ministry, presenting similar claims among college men, this assembly of delegates from the Middle Atlantic area and New England asks that each college select its several ablest girls as representatives. Dealing with the whole claim of Christian vocation, as well as with particular church vocations, the aim will be to discover the new means by which college alumnae may make Christian faith effective in our day.

Two key speakers for the Conference will be Dr. Douglas Horton and his wife, wartime head of the WAVES and former president of Wellesley College. Mrs. Leslie Swain, former president of the Northern Baptist Convention, is to deal with the topic, "The Church in its Community."

A dozen workers in specific projects or professions in the church field will also give leadership. Dr. John Oliver Nelson, director of the Commission on the Ministry, will coordinate the program.

Host to the Conference will be Keuka College, of which Katherine Gillette Blyley is president. Invitations to campus staff leaders, requesting them to select delegates in the fall, are being sent out by the interdenominational committee which is planning the event.

NEW FILM ON THE BIBLE

A new motion picture intended to stimulate the study of the Bible both in the home and in the church school is in process of production by the Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. It will be used intensively during the first few months of this Fall among Presbyterian churches, but it is non-denominational in character and will be offered simultaneously to churches of all denominations through the Religious Film Association, 45 Astor Place, New York 3, N. Y.

GLORA WYSNER IN NEW POST

Dr. Glora M. Wysner, an authority on Moslem affairs, is the first woman to be appointed as a full secretary of the International Missionary Council.

Beginning October 1, she will serve in the New York office of the IMC as secretary with responsibility for the Near East and North Africa and work among the Moslems. She will be in charge also of work on women and the Christian home.

Since 1942 Dr. Wysner has been secretary of the Near East Committee of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America.

Dr. Wysner has also had two other "firsts" in her life—She was the first woman to receive a doctor's degree from the Kennedy School of Missions of the Hartford Seminary Foundation, and the first woman ordained as a minister of The Methodist Church in North Africa, where she was a missionary from 1927 to 1939.

Born in Anderson, Ind., she spent most of her early life in Mount Vernon, Ohio, where she taught in the public schools for four years. She also did social work in Cleveland for three years. She was educated at Ohio University and received a master's degree from Western Reserve.

Music Federation Names "Hymns-of-the-Month"

"To focus the attention of millions of Americans on the stalwart hymns of the Roman Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish faiths," the National Federation of Music Clubs has chosen "hymns-of-the-month" again this year:

September—"O God of Love, O King of Peace"; October—"Faith of Our Fathers"; November—"Now Thank We All Our God"; December—"O Come All Ye Faithful"; January—"Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning."

February—"O Worship the King"; March—"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"; April—"All Glory, Laud and Honor"; May—"Come, Thou Almighty King"; June—"The God of Abraham Praise"; July—"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"; August—"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee".

These hymns will be recorded by the Westminster Choir, Princeton, N. J., and the recordings sold for the benefit of Foundation for the Advancement of Music of the National Federation of Music Clubs.

A Marine Started It

Six years ago a lonely Marine on Guadalcanal wrote to his mother asking if she would send him a list of daily Bible readings so that he could have the strength which would come from knowing that he was reading the same verses in the Bible each day which were being read back home.

The mother appealed to the American Bible Society, and that was the beginning of "World-wide Bible Reading,—Thanksgiving to Christmas." It is described as "a period when, by concerted effort, millions of people reaching all across the world read together the greatest passages in the Bible."

"The Book to Live By" is the theme of the 1949 observance. Bookmarks are available with lists of readings for the period. Last year more than twelve million of these bookmarks were distributed. A Laymen's Committee headed by President Truman, gives national sponsorship.

For Universal Bible Sunday, December 11, Dr. John Sutherland Bonnell of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church has prepared a brochure entitled "The Book to Live By," giving suggestions for Bible reading and stories illustrating the power of the Bible to give peace and comfort.

Material may be obtained from the American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, N. Y., or local offices of the society.

Service of Dedication For New York Churchwomen

In a spirit of dedication, the members of the New York Council of Church Women of the Protestant Council of the City of New York will hold a communion service Monday, October 24, marking the opening of their 1949-1950 year of activity.

The interdenominational communion service will be held at 11 a.m. at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church. Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Methodist bishop of the New York Area and former president of the Federal Council, will deliver the address.

The Rev. George Paull T. Sargent and the Rev. Shelton Hale Bishop will officiate at the service.

Seek Religious Emphasis In Observance of Holidays

PLAN PROGRAM TO "SPIRITUALIZE" CHRISTMAS

THE United Evangelistic Advance which began at the Lord's Supper on World Communion Day, October 2, will reach a climax at the end of 1950 in a united effort of the churches to restore the religious emphasis to America's observance of Christmas and New Year's.

Deploring the secularistic trend in observance of the two holidays the 37 Protestant and Orthodox denominations cooperating in the Advance decided at the Fall meeting of the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches to carry on a campaign to rescue Christmas and New Year's as the 15-months crusade draws to a close. The holidays will mark the close of the first half-century and the beginning of the second.

Said Harry Denman, Nashville, Tennessee, secretary of evangelism of the Methodist Church: "The time has come when we must save Christmas to the real meaning and purpose of the celebration—the birthday of Jesus Christ."

Similarly, Jesse M. Bader, secretary of the Federal Council's Department of Evangelism observed that New Year's Eve all too frequently has become an evening of revelry that ends after the dawn of the New Year.

"Many have forgotten its religious tradition," he observed. "The church must capture New Year's and put in it a Christian meaning and content."

The leaders of evangelism, agreeing that the churches should act, developed the following program:

To "SPIRITUALIZE" CHRISTMAS

1. Every church in America will be asked to participate in simultaneous preaching missions during the week beginning October 29, Reformation Sunday, or during any other week in the month.

2. Every church will be asked during the week December 3-8 to conduct visitation evangelism, calling upon laymen, in face-to-face evangelism, to call upon the homes in the community, and to continue until everyone has been visited.

"Through evangelism, as in no other way, can we spiritualize Christmas,"

said the leaders as they approved the program.

A VIGIL OF PRAYER NEW YEAR'S

1. Every church will be asked to participate in a 12-hour vigil of prayer, beginning at 6 p.m. New Year's Eve, and to encourage Christians to come at various times so that throughout groups will be praying.

2. On Sunday, New Year's Day, all ministers will be asked to preach a sermon on Second Chronicles 7:14. It reads:

"If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and turn from their wicked way and seek my face, then will I hear from Heaven and forgive their sins and heal their land."

The 46 evangelistic leaders, after recounting the response made by their own denomination to the plan to evangelize America, agreed that no previous effort of any kind has attracted such unity as the Advance.

Professor E. G. Homrichausen of Princeton, N. J., chairman of the Advance Committee declared that "the spiritual resources inherent in the Christian Gospel offer the only effective way to combat the trend towards moral and spiritual bankruptcy.

"The time has come when we must confront every man with the claims of Christ."

The chairman said that during the past three years a million laymen had been trained to augment the clerical forces in carrying the message of the Christian Gospel to every home in America. The number is insufficient, he added, and proposed that another million be trained this Fall and put to work.

"The record states concerning Philip that when an opportunity to witness came to him 'he rose and went,'" said Dr. H. H. McConnell, field secretary of the Department.

"We believe that the laymen are ready to respond to that kind of action when the opportunity is presented to them. The success of the United Evangelistic Advance depends upon it."

DIRECTS STUDY



ALFRED DUDLEY WARD

Recently appointed director of the new three-year study of the application of Christian principles to economic life, to be made by the Council's Department of the Church and Economic Life under a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation.

Only thirty-four years old, Mr. Ward has had varied training and experience in business, teaching and the pastorate.

He was born in Toronto, Canada, where his father was an organizer of the Carpenters' and Joiners' Union, A.F. of L. He is a chartered accountant in Canada—the equivalent of a CPA in this country.

He holds the B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of Delaware and is just completing his work for the B.D. degree at Union Theological Seminary in New York. At the University, he majored in sociology, psychology and economics.

He has had six years' business experience in the accounting and auditing field, three years as assistant to an international financier who was engaged in the tanker, real estate, farming, construction, property-management and aircraft business.

He taught two seasons at the University of Delaware in the Department of Economics.

For five years he has been a Methodist pastor—serving for the last two years in Brooklyn.

COLUMBUS – A PREVIEW OF WHITE HOUSE PARLEY

THE FIRST child welfare conference ever held under the auspices of all major Protestant denominations will take place at Columbus, Ohio, October 18-19.

Convened by the Inter-Agency Committee on Child Welfare, through which four interdenominational bodies plan their work in this field, the conference is expected to bring together more than 400 church leaders, child welfare specialists, government officials and laymen and women.

Primary purpose of the conference is to work out a distinctive and unified Protestant view on child welfare problems. It is expected that this process will assist Protestantism to play a more vital and intelligent role in the forthcoming White House Conference of 1950 for Children.

As outlined by Howard W. Hopkirk, senior consultant of the Child Welfare League of America, and chairman of the conference committee, the gathering will aim to define the church's role as both a preventative and curative agency in dealing with child welfare; afford an opportunity for church leaders to exchange views on basic child welfare issues and to devise a more far reaching basis for church participation in child welfare activities.

Commenting on the need for such a conference, Dr. Hopkirk emphasized the need for co-ordinating the activities of the Protestant agencies in the child welfare field.

He went on to express the view that while "philosophies and creeds may long continue to separate us, it is obvious that we have a common concern for all American children, especially for those basic rights which will make them good citizens."

"Our country has not yet realized seriously that its annual crop of children is out of proportion to the pre-war facilities which still constitute our service for education, health, and welfare," Dr. Hopkirk said. "Possibly the Protestant Conference on Child Welfare will quicken the thinking of many outside the churches and stir them to make the next decade one of progress in child welfare."

Highlight of the opening session



HOWARD W. HOPKIRK

will be an address by Miss Katherine Lenroot, Chief of the Children's Bureau of the Federal Security Agency, who will speak on the topic "Beginning of a Grand Strategy for Children."

Others slated to speak at the same session include Dr. Everett C. Schimp, Professor of Social Administration, Ohio State University, whose topic is "The Contribution of Protestantism to Child Welfare," and Dr. Paul Limbert, president of Springfield College, who will speak on "A Protestant Philosophy of Child Welfare."

A series of six discussion sessions are being planned. These include physical and mental health, economic conditions, community, education, family living, and institutional and foster care. On the final day, the conference will hear a panel discuss the findings of the six sections.

Section leaders include Dr. Arthur Flemming, president of Ohio Wesleyan; Dr. Charles Johnson, president of Fisk University; Dr. Paul Limbert, president of Springfield College; Mr. Ralph Bridgeman of the Merrill-Palmer School, Detroit, Mich.; Dr. John Mixon, Professor McCormick Theological Seminary, and Dr. Seward Hiltner, executive secretary of the Federal Council's Department of Pastoral Services.

N. Y. State Council Has Former Judge on Staff

Long interested in religious work, Gay H. Brown, Utica lawyer and former supreme court judge, has joined the staff of the New York State Council of Churches as a volunteer. As director of men's work the former judge of the fifth judicial district hopes to see councils of Protestant church men organized in most of the major cities and towns.

Mr. Brown, a Congregationalist and an alumnus of Cornell University, organized the Protestant men of Utica into the Inter-Church Men's Fellowship and regularly it attracts 1,800 to 2,000 men to meetings.

The Judge is already in great demand over the state for addresses to men's groups.

An interdenominational committee is being set up to advise with him. He can be addressed at 75 State Street, Albany, N. Y.

Dr. Beverley Boyd, executive secretary of the Federal Council's Department of Christian Social Relations, one of the sponsoring agencies, pointed out that Christianity's historic concern for child welfare was expressed in the approximately 500 child placing agencies, protective societies and institutions under church auspices.

In addition, he said, literally thousands of Protestant clergy and laymen are represented on the boards of non-denominational agencies.

Pointing to recent developments in the churches' relation to child welfare, Dr. Boyd praised the trend away from the "old orphanage," and "Sunday school idea" to a deeper concern for the total welfare of the children of the community.

He said the churches were beginning to develop a greater interest in the child's personality as a whole, and were more willing to sponsor agencies devoted to more than just "board and room services."

The agencies sponsoring the conference are the Federal Council of Churches, the Home Missions Council, the International Council of Religious Education and the United Council of Church Women.

Interchange of Preachers Helps Sense of "Christian Solidarity"

THE Committee on Interchange of Speakers and Preachers of the Federal Council has just concluded its summer program. Itineraries were made for nine eminent preachers from Britain to occupy the leading pulpits of this country and they were received everywhere with crowded congregations.

The nine men for whom itineraries were made are given herewith:

Rev. George McPherson Docherty, Aberdeen, Scotland
Rev. J. R. Gray, Presbyterian, Glasgow, Scotland
Rev. G. H. Taylor, Methodist, Liverpool, England
Rev. William Partridge, Methodist, Birmingham, England
Rev. W. A. Smellie, Presbyterian, Perth, Scotland
Rev. Dr. D. Frazer-Hurst, Presbyterian, Belfast, Ireland
Rev. J. M. Richardson, Presbyterian, Bath, England
Rev. W. J. Martin, Presbyterian, Kenton, Middlesex, England
Rev. F. E. Hastings, Baptist, Glasgow, Scotland

The Interchange this year was lighted up by a dramatic incident. Three men who were occupying the pulpits in Washington, of the New York Avenue Church and the National Presbyterian Church, were invited by the Vice President of the United States to offer prayer in the United States Senate. In the memory of the Senate's parliamentarian, Charles Watkins, this assignment had never been filled by a minister of another country. Those who offered prayer in the Senate were the Rev. John R. Gray of St. Stephen's Church, Glasgow; the Rev. Dr. D. Frazer-Hurst of University Presbyterian Church, Belfast, Ireland, and the Rev. George McPherson Docherty of Aberdeen, Scotland. Each of these men was most enthusiastic about this experience which they felt was one of the greatest honors that could have come to any minister visiting the United States.

The pulpits occupied covered an area from Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York City; Central

Methodist Church, Detroit; Grace Methodist Church, Dayton, to the First Presbyterian Church, Pasadena. And besides preaching in various pulpits, the British visitors spoke at the following religious summer conferences: Lakeside, Ohio; Princeton Convocation of Ministers; Massanetta Springs, Va.; Montreat, N. C., and Lake Junaluska, N. C. The visitors expressed delight at their reception and said they were amazed at the great congregations in practically every church they visited.

The British Council of Churches arranged preaching programs for four American preachers, as follows: Bishop Hazen G. Werner, Columbus, Ohio; Dean Lynn Harold Hough, New York City; Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, New York City, and Rev. J. F. B. Carruthers, California. They were also credentialled by the Committee for preaching in Europe.

The American delegation was entertained at a luncheon in London, given by the British Interchange Committee, and came back both full of enthusiasm for the kindness shown to them in the British Isles and with an increased admiration for the gallantry of the British people in their national crisis.

Bishop Hazen G. Werner, Methodist Bishop of Ohio, writes: "It has been a grand and challenging experience. To preach in St. Martin's in the Fields, London, and in the famous Richmond Hill Church, Bournemouth, *climax*ed a rich two months in British churches."

The Committee feels that this regular interchange of distinguished leaders in both the United States and Great Britain is a great contribution towards a knowledge of church life and activity in countries other than their own, said Dr. Harry N. Holmes, secretary.

"It develops a sense of Christian solidarity. Each man returns to his own pulpit and people with a fuller knowledge of the progress of the Kingdom of God in the world. There was never a moment in this era of political conditions and national animosities when the healing and uniting power of the Church and Christianity should be more stressed."

Chaplains Retreats Will Be Repeated

SPIRITUAL Life conferences for chaplains, an innovation introduced last summer by the Air Forces, will be repeated next year for the benefit of the chaplains of three branches of the Service—Army, Navy and Air Forces—and the Veterans Administration.

Designed to meet the spiritual needs of the chaplains, and afford them the assistance of the churches in serving the men in uniform, Spiritual Life Retreats last June attracted a total of 172 chaplains of the Air Forces.

Dr. Jesse M. Bader, secretary of the Federal Council's Department of Evangelism and Chaplain Charles I. Carpenter, chief of chaplains of the Air Forces, cooperated in arranging the conferences in various sections of the country. An Air Force chaplain presided at each conference and the Department secured 20 speakers—four for each retreat.

The conferences were held in Hartford Theological Seminary, Hartford, Conn.; Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.; Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Tex.; Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Nebr., and Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, Calif.

Reports from the conference leaders urged that the retreats be made a fixture. Several emphasized that chaplains are isolated from the normal church life of the community and that the conferences will afford them an opportunity to maintain contact with their denominational fellowships.

One minister observed: "I know from my experiences in World War I that chaplains in the regular service have a temptation to let down, do not study as much as they might, and could not help but find inspiration and blessing in such conferences."

A committee of twelve, representing the General Commission on Chaplains, the Department of Evangelism, and three branches of the Armed Service and the Veterans Administration has been formed to organize the 1950 gathering. Mr. Dan Caldwell, of Richmond, Va., has been named chairman.

WHITTEMORE FILLS POST

The Rev. Edward L. Whittemore has been appointed to the executive secretaryship of the Berkeley-Albany (California) Council of Churches. He was formerly Executive Secretary of Honolulu Council of Churches, Hawaii.

Christian News Bulletin Helps Home Create Good Family Life

WHAT PRACTICAL, everyday things can a family do to create a Christian atmosphere in the home?

Dr. Muriel Streibert Curtis, a Wellesley College professor, has partially answered this baffling question with a hundred concrete suggestions on Better Christian Living. Her suggestions are to be used by the Federal Council's Commission on the Marriage and the Home as the basis for a "Family Enlistment Campaign."

Typical of Professor Curtis' suggestions is the use of a Christian bulletin board to classify the day's news. She suggests that clippings in which Jesus might rejoice be marked in one color, while those He might regret, be marked in another.

To help the family get acquainted with the Christian tradition of service, she recommends the compilation of a "Christian Honor Roll." Such a list, she says, should contain not only the names of great historical Christian saints and heroes, but the names of contemporaries admired by the family.

"A Bible Quiz" is urged by Professor Curtis as a sure-fire way to arouse the family's enthusiasm for Bible study. The game gets under way with a member of the family describing his favorite, and usually a fairly well-known Biblical character. As the facts unfold, others try to guess the identity

of the person being described. The first one to get the right answer is in line to tell about his favorite Biblical personality.

Then there is the "Family Missionary Game," where the family pretends to be a missionary family in a foreign country. They engage in a lively discussion, trying as best they can to describe their day's work, including its joys and hardships.

The suggestions contain a number of helpful guides to assist families in the observance of such traditional Christian events as Thanksgiving, Christmas, Advent, Good Friday, Easter and Whitsunday.

Other suggestions deal with family prayers and worship, church attendance, and such practical matters as spending money, letter writing, and family recreation. There are still other suggestions on the elimination of race prejudice, and the building of tolerance and understanding of other creeds.

The hundred or more suggestions are divided into four sets, dealing with family life, worship, service and study. Families deciding to follow some, or all of the suggestions, will be asked to sign a formal declaration, which will be preserved in a place of honor in the church. They will be known as "Enlistment Families."

Dr. L. Foster Wood, executive secre-

tary of the Commission, emphasized that the suggestions were suitable for a family of any denominational persuasion. He said the slogan of the campaign will be "Christianity Begins at Home."

Commenting on the need for the development of Christian home life, Dr. Wood observed that "the family contains great power for Christian training, which is largely unused. We want to put it to work."

"Those who feel that both Christianity and democracy have rich and largely unexplored resources for family life will find in this plan a means of bringing some of these resources into operation."

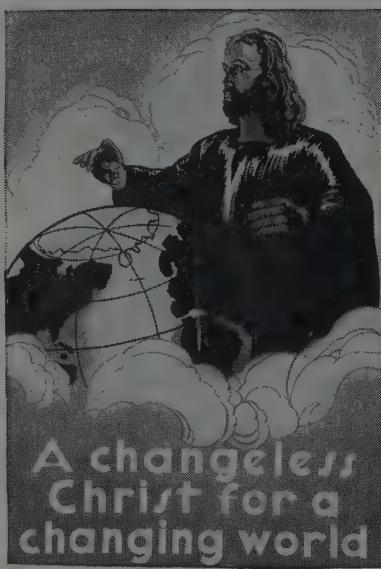
Lowdermilk in Africa for Soil Conservation Study

Dr. Walter C. Lowdermilk, of Berkeley, Calif., former assistant chief of the U. S. Soil Conservation Service and technical consultant to Agricultural Missions, Inc., is making a ten months survey of soil conservation problems in six African countries.

He will seek to promote better land use and to consult with local governments and British and American missionary societies. He will visit Sierra Leone, the Gold Coast, Nigeria, Northern and Southern Rhodesia, Nyassaland and other territories.

Dr. John H. Reisner, executive secretary of Agricultural Missions, arranged the tour in cooperation with the British Colonial Office. It is financed by the Carnegie Corporation.

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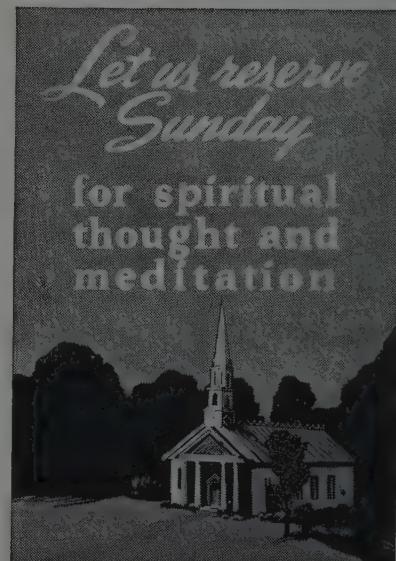


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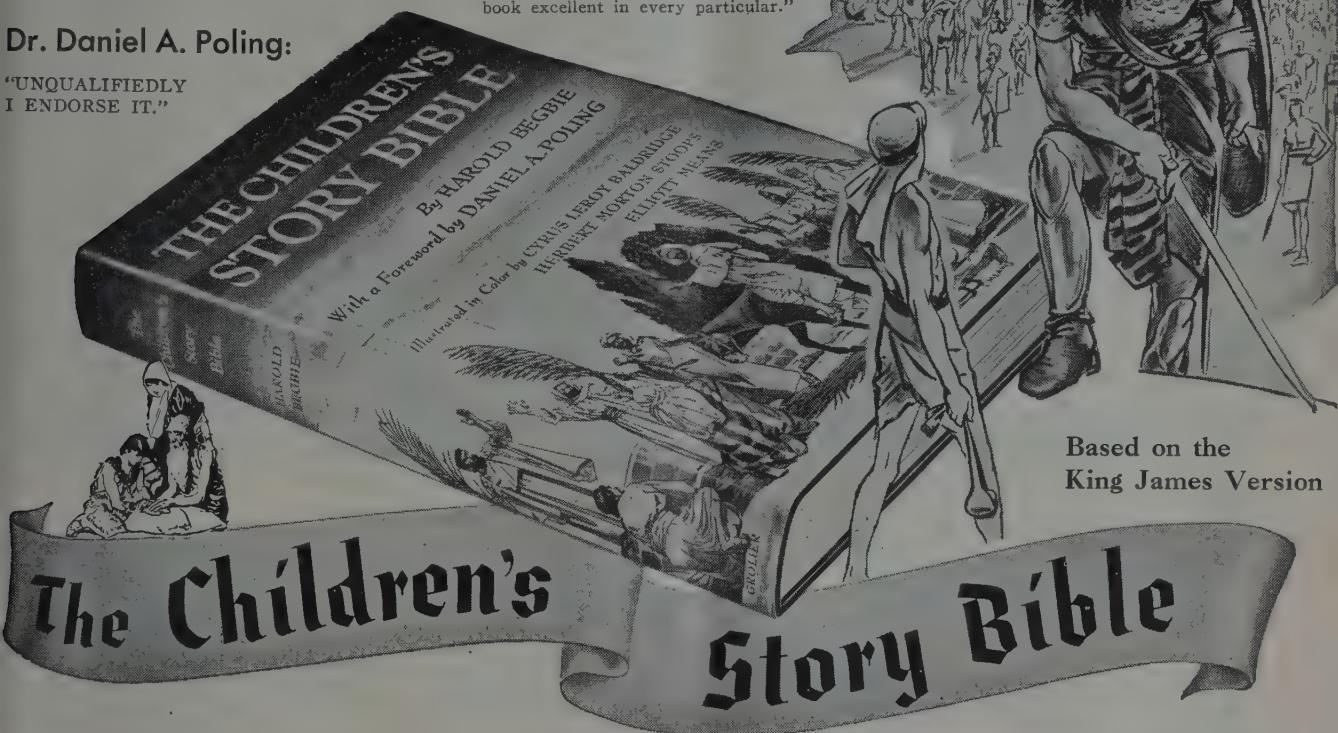
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NEW PUBLICATIONS

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The leaflet emphasizes the need of spiritual nurture in the home and offers suggestions. This leaflet was prepared by Rev. Gordon W. Schroeder and has previously been published by the Department of Evangelism of the New York State Baptist Convention. The Commission is glad to be able to offer it for use in all denominations. It sells at 2c per copy or \$1.00 per 100.

COCKBURN PLANS THREE MONTHS' VISIT TO U. S.

A heavy schedule has been arranged for Dr. J. Hutchison Cockburn, former moderator of the Church of Scotland, who will come to the United States Dec. 1 for a three months' visit.

He will speak in the South and on the West Coast under the auspices of the World Council of Churches and at the Southeastern Regional Church Convocation in Atlanta, Ga., December 6-8. He will also spend three weeks with the Florida Chain of Missionary Speakers and one week with one of the Federal Council's preaching missions, late in February.

Programs Cited by Annual Radio Workshop

The Religious Radio Workshop at the University of Chicago this summer, sponsored jointly by the Federated Theological Faculty of the University and the Protestant Radio Commission, gave citations to the following programs:

Network awards—National Broadcasting Company—for presenting the importance of religion in the life of the nation.

Columbia Broadcasting System—for the television series, "Lamp Unto My Feet."

American Broadcasting Company—for coverage of special religious events.

Religious News Broadcasting—Albany Federation of Churches and Troy and Schenectady Council of Churches—for "Religion Views the News" Station WTRY (CBS)—"a significant news commentary which adds greatly to the news and opinion sources of the community."

Best Sermons—Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Central New York—for "Christmas Message" and "Easter Message" Station WFBL (CBS)—"for the quality of the total production, the choice of the music, the timing of the talk in relation to the length of the program, and the simple yet effective method of presentation."

Religious Music—Associated Churches of Fort Wayne, Ind.—for "Organ Reveries" Station WKJO (MBS)—"in recognition of the fine purpose of the program, the organization and presentation of the live music and the balance and structure of the program content."

The Rhode Island Council of Churches received an award for "Bible Baseball" on Station WJAR (NBC), "an unusual idea for reaching youth"; and the First Presbyterian Church of Lexington, Neb., for its Christian Family program "Lexington Family Vespers," on Station KGFW, Kearny, Neb. (MBS).

In the special events section, first award went to the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Central New York for the broadcasting of the consecration of Bishop Walter H. Higley on Station WSYR (NBC).

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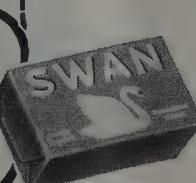
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BY KENNETH SCOTT LATOURETTE AND WILLIAM R. HOGG. International Missionary Council, 1949. Twenty cents

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One of the first booklets to help dispel this condition, published by the International Missionary Council, deals with the inspiring story of missions during the war and the means to keep alive "orphaned missions"—that is missions cut off by war from their home base. The story is told in simple, graphic terms, and presents one of the most moving chapters in missionary history.

At the outbreak of the war, one-half of the total missionary personnel came from North America, three-eighths from Britain, and slightly more than one-eighth from the continent. Expenditures showed almost identical proportions. Yet Continental missionaries reached more than 22 per cent of the entire missionary field.

The booklet describes how through the heroic and sacrificial efforts of Christian groups in nations at war with each other, these Continental missions were permitted to survive.

As late as December, 1940, not a Protestant mission anywhere in the world had been suspended or abandoned. As the war grew in intensity, missionaries around the world "tightened their belts." When the war ended, the non-Roman Catholic missionary enterprise remained pretty much intact.

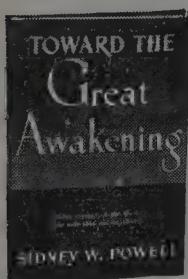
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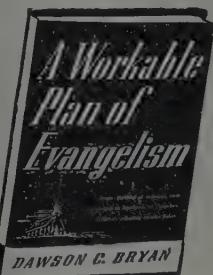


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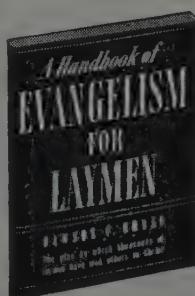
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Each question is discussed and analyzed in a way which will interest young people and many of the issues are further clarified or emphasized by thumbnail sketches of different couples who have had this or that experience or problem.

The great and ultimate spiritual values in marriage, parenthood and homemaking are recognized and are dealt with in simple and non-technical fashion.

Among the best books to help young people meet courtship and marriage issues this one will take a prominent place and it has the great advantage of good balance and the best insights coming from recent research. It is an excellent book for individual reading or for group use. Parents and leaders also will profit by its insights and its method of helping young people with their problems.

LELAND FOSTER WOOD

Christianity and Communism

BY JOHN C. BENNETT. New York Association Press, 1948. \$1.50

Professor Bennett of Union Seminary prepared this book at the request of Haddam House, which is "a publishing project in the field of religious

literature for youth." The work is written in terms of much of the current discussion of communism.

Professor Bennett believes that communism as a faith and as a system of thought is a compound of half-truth and positive error." As a movement of power, communism is "a threat to essential forms of personal and political freedom." It is therefore, "a responsibility of Christians to resist its extension in the world."

The author is of the opinion, however, that "the errors of communism are in large part the result of the failure of Christians, and of Christian churches, to be true to the revolutionary implications of their faith, that the effectiveness of communism lies chiefly in the fact that it seems to offer the exploited and neglected peoples of the world what has been denied them in a civilization that has often regarded itself as Christian."

As communism has developed it has "offered false solutions to religious problems, the existence of which it does not recognize." The meaning of that sentence is elaborated by Professor Bennett throughout the book.

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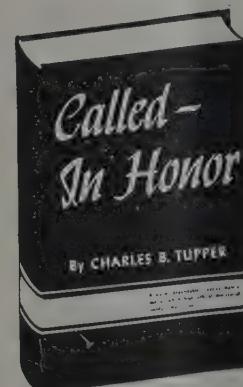
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"An Order of Service for a Harvest Festival, 1949" has been brought out by the Committee on Town and Country, constituted jointly by the Home Missions Council and the Federal Council. The material was prepared by Theodore A. Rath, Director of Town and Country Work in the State of New Jersey for the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. It may be obtained from the Home Missions Council of North America, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y., at five cents per copy, \$1.00 for 100 copies.

WORLD ORDER

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Nations, let us in the churches pray that God's will may be done in the world of nations, and that we may serve His will.

1. We can resolve to redouble our efforts in behalf of world order, remembering that each one of us has some contribution to make.
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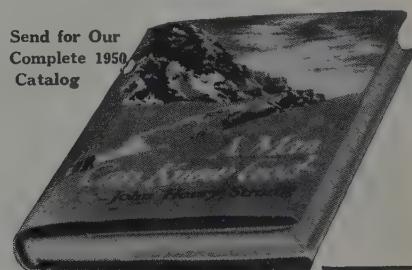
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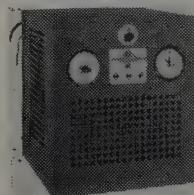
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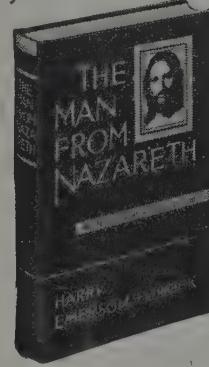
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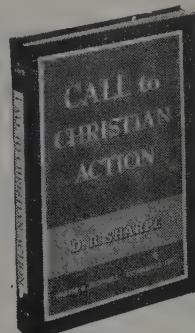
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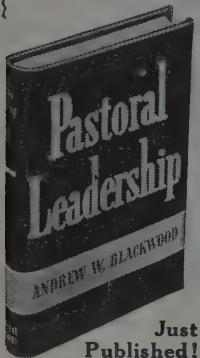
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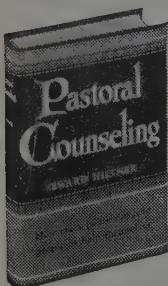
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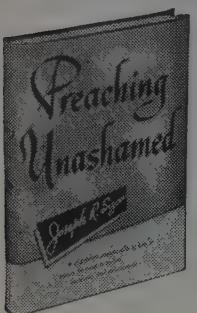
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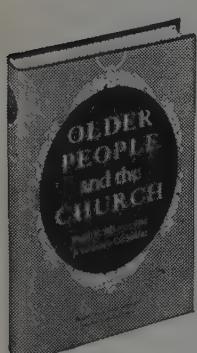
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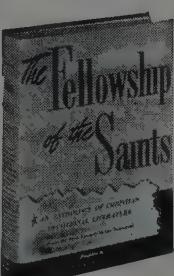
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Yuasa returned to Japan with his American-educated Japanese bride in 1924 to assume the entomology post at Kyoto. It was during the following decade that his scientific reputation rose to heights which were to make the Doshisha decision significant.

Four years after becoming president of Doshisha, Yuasa resigned under fire. His personal stand of defiance against militaristic government pressures and Doshisha's own reputation as a liberal Christian institution made his position untenable. There were bitter days when the quiet scholar walked through Kyoto streets and saw

his likeness blazoned on posters as "Yuasa the Traitor!" and "Hang Yuasa, the national enemy!"

Christian friends averted Yuasa's probable injury or imprisonment by getting him out of the country and to Madras as a delegate to the International Missionary Conference. He subsequently came to the United States as a member of the post-Madras preaching mission. It was here, on a train from Bangor, Maine to Boston, that the war caught him.

Yuasa returned to Japan in September, 1946, with the intention of promoting the UNESCO movement among his people. He had decided this was more important than reinstatement at Doshisha. He soon changed his mind.

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Six-Point Publicity Program For Religion in American Life

ASIX-POINT publicity program to local churches in planning community programs in observance of Religion in American Life Nov. 1-24, has been sent to all local councils of churches and ministerial associations throughout the country. National leaders of denominations participating in the campaign to emphasize the importance of religion in American life have been urged to forward copies of the program to pastors.

Earle B. Pleasant, national director, emphasized in a letter to the churches, that the success of the campaign, depends upon the local as well as the national effort. He pointed out that through the assistance of the Advertising Council the churches will have the cooperation of the nation's principal mass media of communication. It will include newspaper and outdoor advertising, and widespread attention on the radio.

The six-point program outlines ways and means by which local churches may intensify the local effect of the national effort. The nationwide program of the Advertising Council is sponsored by a score of Protestant and Orthodox denominations and the Synagogue Council of America. Charles E. Wilson, president of General Electric Company, is chairman of the laymen's committee.

Highlights of the six-point program of local action follow:

1. (A) *Publicity*. The guide suggests: (1) appoint a publicity man; (2) contact newspaper editors and explain to them the campaign's significance to your community's churches and its people; (3) suggest newspaper editorials; (4) throughout the campaign, keep the editors informed of developments.

(B) *Newspaper Advertising*. Under the Advertising Council's program, a certain amount of newspaper advertising will appear "automatically." The guide suggests that, to make sure that an adequate amount will appear locally, the local campaign leaders arrange for sponsorship of space by local business interests, civic groups, or the "service" clubs.

2. *Radio*. Through the allocation plan, the major networks and their advertisers will assign time to the campaign message. To supplement the national coverage, the guide suggests that campaign leaders transmit to the program managers of local stations

radio material that will be supplied to them by campaign headquarters—a radio fact sheet, spot announcements and script material for "live" presentations.

3. *Window Displays*. The guide suggests that campaign leaders ask each local store—or each store in a strategic position—for the use of one window. It suggests that the display material be designed for "eye appeal" to center around a car card—already prepared and available at headquarters—reading "Find Yourself Through Faith. Come to Your Church This Week." It suggests that the dressing and undressing of each window be assigned to a church or church organization.

4. *Outdoor Posters*. Space on two to three thousand boards across the country is being contributed by the outdoor advertising industry in co-operation with The Advertising Council. To augment this "automatic" coverage, the guide suggests, as with newspaper advertising, local campaign leaders seek sponsorship of additional space by local interests.

5. *Car Cards*. Available for local use is a smaller version of the outdoor poster. The guide suggests local underwriting sponsorship.

6. *Special Events*. Among ways to create local news about the theme and the campaign, the guide suggests:

1. Arrange for a proclamation by the mayor.

2. Arrange for a talk by campaign speakers before "service" clubs, and other civic groups.

3. Consider a community-wide, interfaith, Religion - in - American - Life rally of laymen.

4. Arrange for discussion by a discussion group of what religion can do to level racial and religious barriers.

5. Suggest that students in high-school public-speaking classes be assigned such a subject as: "Religious Influences in the Founding of Our Country."

6. Arrange interviews with qualified authorities—for example, judges—on the influence of religion on (1) reducing juvenile delinquency and (2) strengthening family ties.

7. Arrange a feature story on the community's oldest pastor, priest, or rabbi and his pastoral experiences.

8. Suggest that an "inquiring reporter" interview people at random on what their faith means to them.

Hoffman Hails CROP For Work Abroad

Sixty representatives of CROP (Christian Rural Overseas Program) at their national field conference at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, heard a message of appreciation from Paul Hoffman, head of the ECA.

Mr. Hoffman's message said:

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The present harvest season project of CROP to supply bulk farm commodities to the needy overseas will be carried on principally in the 30 leading agricultural states. The food is distributed abroad through church agencies to the aged, ill, orphans and the destitute not reached by government aid.

CWS OFFICIAL ABROAD

Fred W. Ramsey, executive vice president of Church World Service, is in Europe studying current relief needs especially those of displaced persons and refugees.

With Roland Elliott, director of the CWS displaced persons department, Mr. Ramsey will make a ten-day trip in Germany and will consult with World Council officials in Geneva regarding the cooperative program of service to DPs and refugees. He will return home October 14.

9. Suggest that special sermons be delivered on the three Sabbaths covered by the campaign. Special outlines for sermons of this kind are available at campaign headquarters.

10. Arrange interviews with local labor leaders or farm leaders on the place of religion in man's work-a-day life.

11. Suggest that libraries—public and school—and book stores stage special displays of religious books and religious materials.

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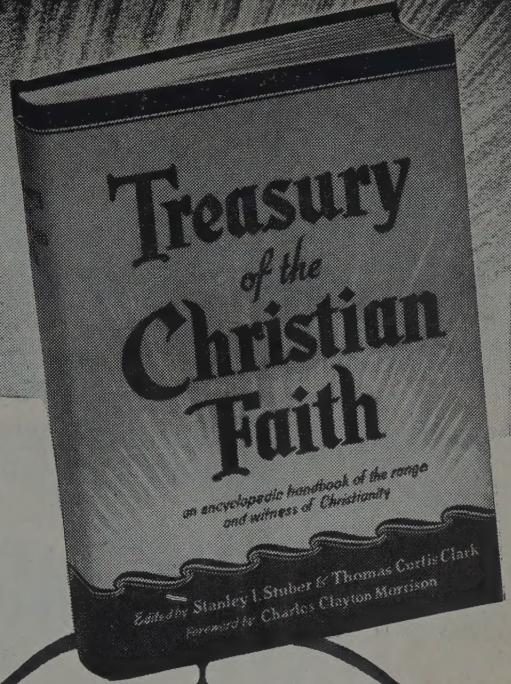
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